

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original)

An apparatus for scribing tile comprising:

a scribe member;

a tile engagement member;

an extension member, the extension member connecting the scribe member to the tile engagement member, the extension member being movably connected to the tile engagement member; and

a locking member, the locking member being movable between a locking position and an unlocking position, the locking member preventing movement of the tile engagement member relative to the extension member when the locking member is in the locking position and allowing movement of the tile engagement member relative to the extension member when the locking member is in the unlocking position, the locking member being biased from the unlocking position toward the locking position.

2. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 1 wherein the extension member is both pivotally and slideably movable relative to the tile engagement member when the locking member is in the unlocking position.

3. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 2 wherein the scribe member is pivotally connected to the extension member.

4. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 3 wherein the scribe member is pivotally connected to the extension member by a friction connection in a manner such that there is a frictional force that prevents pivotal movement of the scribe member relative to the extension member unless at least a threshold moment between the scribe member and the extension member is applied.

5. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 2 wherein the locking member comprises a cam surface and wherein the tile engagement member comprises a cam surface, the cam surface of the locking member engaging the cam surface of the tile engagement member when the locking member is in the locking position in a manner such that the extension member is in clamped engagement with the tile engagement member.

6. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 2 wherein the locking member is pivotally movable with the extension member relative to the tile engagement member.

7. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 2 wherein the extension member is pivotally movable relative to the tile engagement member about a pivot axis and wherein the locking member comprises an actuation portion, the actuation portion being movable toward the pivot axis in a manner to move the locking member from the locking position to the unlocking position and being movable away from the pivot axis in a manner to move the locking member from the unlocking position to the locking position.

8. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 2 wherein the apparatus further comprises a resilient portion that allows the locking member to resiliently deflect between the locking position and the unlocking position.

9. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 8 wherein the locking member is biased from the unlocking position toward the locking position via the resilient portion.

10. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 1 wherein the scribe member is pivotally connected to the extension member.

11. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 10 wherein the scribe member is pivotally connected to the extension member by a friction connection in a manner such that there is a frictional force that prevents pivotal movement of the scribe member relative to the extension member unless at least a threshold moment between the scribe member and the extension member is applied.

12. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 1 wherein the apparatus further comprises a resilient portion that allows the locking member to resiliently deflect between the locking position and the unlocking position, the locking member being biased from the unlocking position toward the locking position via the resilient portion.

13. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 1 wherein the apparatus further comprises first and second actuation portions, the first and second actuation portions each being movable relative to the tile engagement member, the first and second actuation portions also being movable toward each other in a manner to move the locking member from the locking position to the unlocking position and being movable away from each other in a manner to move the locking member from the unlocking position to the locking position.

14. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 1 wherein the locking member comprises a cam surface and wherein the tile engagement member comprises a cam surface, the cam surface of the locking member engaging the cam surface of the tile engagement member when the locking member is in the locking position in a manner such that the extension member is in clamped engagement with the tile engagement member.

15. (original)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 1 wherein the scribe member consists of a single monolithic member having a straight scribe edge.

16-34. (cancelled)

35. (new)

An apparatus for scribing tile comprising:

a scribe member;

a tile engagement member;

an extension member, the extension member connecting the scribe member to the tile engagement member, the extension member having a locked configuration with the tile engagement member that prevents relative movement between the extension member and the tile engagement member and an

unlocked configuration with the tile engagement member that allows said movement between the extension member and the tile engagement member, the apparatus being configured and adapted such that an external force acting on the apparatus is required to prevent the extension member and the tile engagement member from being in their locked configuration.

36. (new)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 35 wherein the extension member is both pivotally and slideably movable relative to the tile engagement member when the extension member and the tile engagement member are in their unlocked configuration.

37. (new)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 36 wherein the scribe member is pivotally connected to the extension member.

38. (new)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 35 wherein the scribe member is pivotally connected to the extension member.

39. (new)

An apparatus in accordance with claim 35 wherein the scribe member consists of a single monolithic member having a straight scribe edge.